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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. I have looked into and am summarizing below the circumstances surrounding the provisional employment of [REDACTED]

2. The Agency's contact with Subject resulted from a letter he addressed to Mr. L. R. Houston, General Counsel, in January 1953. He was then employed with the [REDACTED] as Associate General Counsel, GS-15. His letter requested that he be considered for a legal or other suitable position in CIA. The letter and supporting materials were routinely referred to the Office of Research and Reports by the Personnel Office. Early in April, ORR requested his appointment for the position of Secretariat to the Economic Intelligence Committee. It was the feeling of ORR that Mr. [REDACTED] previous government assignments had placed him in a vantage point to know many of the officials with whom he would be working in the role of Secretariat for the Committee.

3. Because [REDACTED] indicated that he was being released from [REDACTED] and that it was necessary for him to be retained in salary status, ORR requested his appointment on a provisional basis, pending full security clearance. It was planned for him to use the clearance period to discuss with the members of the Committee various organizational problems without getting involved in classified substantive business. Additionally, it was thought that he could spend some time for refresher training on certain academic elements of his new position through individual work at the Library of Congress. The Personnel Office confirmed with [REDACTED] information volunteered by [REDACTED] himself that he had top secret clearance for that agency. Such confirmation, combined with his record of previous high level government positions, was regarded by the Personnel Office as providing a reasonably good risk for ultimate clearance, and therefore seemed to justify processing on a provisional basis.

4. Insofar as I have been able to ascertain, no-one in the Agency has had a special personal interest in [REDACTED] appointment.

5. We are taking up with the Office of Training the matter of providing for better monitoring of the activities of provisional personnel. It is anticipated that this will result in the issuance of an Agency notice on the subject.

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